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PATENT APPLICATION

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Yutaka BAN, et al.	)	
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SECOND INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants direct the Examiner's attention to the non-English language documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the non-English language documents and English language Abstracts thereof are enclosed. The concise explanation of relevance of the non-English language documents is found in the attached English Abstracts and in the partial translation of a Japanese Office Action provided below.

### Partial Translation of Examiner's Comments in Japanese Office Action

Japanese Laid-open patent Application Hei 4-60672 discloses an invention defined in Claims 1, 2, 3, 9, 10, 11, 12, 15 and 16 is obvious in view of the matters disclosed in the publication.

Use of a spline coupling for a drive transmission mechanism is known prior to the filing date of this application as disclosed in Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Hei 6-348121, Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Sho 59-40014 and Japanese Laid-open Patent Application Hei 9-100828. Therefore, Claims 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13 and 14 are obvious”.

### FORMAL MATTERS

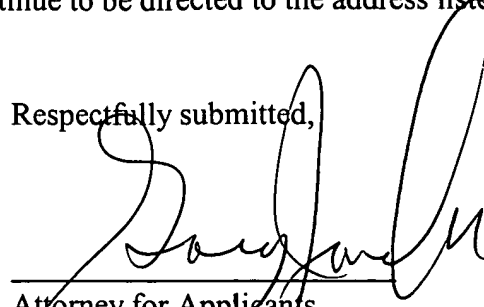
A Request for Continued Examination was filed on April 29, 2005, and no Office Action has issued in this application since that date. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due in connection with the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such fee determined to be due to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

### CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be initialed and returned, indicating that such information has been considered.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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**FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

	DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	CLASS	SUBCLASS	TRANSLATION YES/NO/ OR ABSTRACT
	<b>Hei 4-60672</b>	<b>02/26/1992</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>Hei 6-348121</b>	<b>12/22/1994</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>Sho 59-40014</b>	<b>03/05/1984</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>
	<b>Hei 9-100828</b>	<b>04/15/1997</b>	<b>Japan</b>			<b>Abstract</b>

**OTHER DOCUMENT(S) (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**


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